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SUBJECT: LARIFYING LANGUAGE ON ARTICLE 3( D) OF LAOS CEASEFIRE  
AGREEMENT

REF: VIENTIANE 4439

1. DURING JUNE 18 MEETING, I ALSO FOCUSED PHENG PHONGSAVAN' S ATTENTION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CLARIFYING, IN THE PROTOCOL UNDER NEGOTIATION, ARTICLE 3( D) OF THE FEBRUARY VIENTIANE AGREEMENT. I WENT OVER AT LENGTH WITH HIM CONFLICT INHERENT IN THE TWO SENTENCES MAKING UP ARTICLE 3( D) OF THE FEBRUARY AGREEMENT AND URGED HIM TO SUBMIT LANGUAGE TO PHOUMI WHICH WOULD NEUTRALIZE THE SECOND SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 3( D) OF VIENTIANE AGREEMENT. TOWARDS THIS END, I GAVE PHENG AGAIN THE DRAFT LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT LEGAL OFFICER TOM JOHNSON HAD HANDED HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO VIENTIANE IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. WE DISCUSSED WORD BY WORD AND COMMA BY COMMA THE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY JOHNSON AND PHENG AGREED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF WAR MATERIELS INTO LAOS WITH PHOUMI.

2. COMMENT: WHILE I DOUBT THAT PHENG WILL SUBMIT TO PHOUMI THE PRECISE LANGUAGE WE PROPOSED TO HIM, I BELIEVE PHENG WILL TRY HARD TO INSERT SOME REFERENCE IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE OVERRIDING  
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ROLE OF THE 1962 GENEVA AGREEMENT AS IT CONCERNS THE INTRODUCTION  
OF WAR MATERIELS.  
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